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# Ceylon and India General Mission

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# CEYLON AND INDIA GENERAL MISSION

## THE FIELD

**Area:** India is as large as the continent of Europe, not including Russia, and among its people are a greater variety of races and languages, than in Europe.

Ceylon is about the size of Ireland.

**Population:** India has a vast population of 320 millions, or one-fifth of the human race.

**Sphere:** Our work is among five races, the Telegus, Tamils, Kanarese and Mohammedans in India, and the Sinhalese in Ceylon. Each of these races has a distinct language of its own; but each missionary is required to speak but one language, that used in the section of the country in which his work is located. Of each race there are millions of people. An understanding exists between the missionary societies that in order to avoid overlapping in the work each society has a defined area to work in among the races of India and Ceylon. Therefore there are no other societies working in our spheres, and the people there are entirely dependent on us to give them the gospel.

## THE MISSION

**Origin:** On October 6, 1892, the definite call of God through Joshua 1:1-9 came to Mr. B. Davidson to found this Mission on the principle of faith in God for the supply of all spiritual and temporal needs, no debt to be incurred and God has proved His faithfulness and sufficiency all these years.

**Doctrinal Beliefs:**

1. We believe that the Bible is the Word and revelation of God and therefore our only authority.

2. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that He is very God by whom and for whom "all things were created."

3. We believe in His virgin birth, that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and is therefore God manifested in the flesh.

4. We believe in salvation by divine sacrifice, that the Son of God gave "His life a ransom for many" and bore "our sins in His own body on the tree."

5. We believe in His physical resurrection from the dead and in His bodily presence at the right hand of God as our Priest and Advocate.

6. We believe in the universality and heinousness of sin, and in salvation by grace, "not of works lest any man should boast;" that sonship with God is attained only by regeneration through the Holy Spirit and faith in Jesus Christ.

7. We believe in the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit, Who came down upon earth on the day of Pentecost to indwell believers and to be the administrator in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; Who is also here to "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

8. We believe in the great commission which our Lord has given to His Church to evangelize the world, and that this evangelization is the great mission of the church.

9. We believe in the second, visible and imminent coming of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to establish His world-wide Kingdom on the earth.

10. We believe in a Heaven of eternal bliss for the righteous and in the conscious and eternal punishment of the wicked.

**Aim:** To give the gospel to as many as we can in the unreached parts of India and Ceylon and to gather out a people for His name; to form these into churches and to teach them to be self-supporting, self-governing and self-extending.

**Property:** The Mission owns ten mission houses in India, six church buildings, besides smaller buildings for worship, four homes for boys and girls, forty-five school buildings, houses for Indian preachers and teachers, tents for touring, conveyances, etc., all free from debt.

**Finances:** The Mission is supported by the free-will offerings of the Lord's people. No debt is incurred, the missionaries recognizing their entire dependence upon God for the supply of their needs. The funds received for the support of missionaries are equally divided.

**Missionaries and Workers:** The staff of the Mission at present is 32 missionaries, and 100 Indian preachers, teachers and Bible Women.

**Results:** More than 3000 souls have professed faith in Christ, churches have been established and are carried on with all their saving and sanctifying influence through preaching and teaching the Word; Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies are important features of our work, and many of our people give the gospel to the villages around.

Our preachers and teachers are chiefly raised from our own converts. They have been educated in our schools and have received a two years' course of sound Bible teaching before being appointed as preachers. We have no sympathy with so called Higher Criticism or the New Theology. We train our people and preachers in orthodox truth.

Many thousands of heathen are reached with the gospel in outlying villages every year as our missionaries and workers go among them, touring and living in tents. Thousands of tracts, Gospels and Bibles have been circulated among the people annually and are eagerly read.

In our schools thousands of children have been educated, and many saved. Our schools are evan-

gelistic agencies. Many in our four homes for orphans have been rescued from lives of sin and shame, saved, educated, and are now occupying positions of trust, such as pastors, preachers, teachers, clerks and tradesmen.

## OPPORTUNITIES

The opportunities for winning souls in India are boundless. There are yet more than 200 millions in India who have never heard of Christ, and who never can hear of Him until more missionaries are sent with the message. The present missionary forces of every kind in India cannot reach 100 millions of the people with the gospel. India is the most fruitful of all mission fields in the world. More souls are saved there every year than in any other mission field. Each year thousands are pressing forward, asking for baptism; but are kept back because there are not enough teachers and preachers to care for their spiritual welfare after they have been baptized.

## FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

In our present staff of experienced missionaries, Indian preachers, teachers, mission houses, churches, schools, tents and conveyances, we have the plant, machinery and organization for large development. The 200 millions of unreached souls in India stretch forth their hands crying, "Come over and help us."

## PRAYER HELPERS

We earnestly seek the prayers of God's people for more missionaries, more Indian helpers, more of the Spirit to be poured on our fields that multitudes may be saved and consecrated.

Prayer has already brought us the greatest blessings, the largest developments of our work, and the fullest supply of our needs. "Teach us Lord how to pray."

The PRAYER BULLETIN will be sent regularly to interested friends at their request.

## What It Costs

**1. The support of a missionary is $500 a year.**

**2. The approximate cost of passage to India is $400, and outfit for a missionary together with initial expenses in India is $400, or a total of $800 as the approximate cost of a missionary's outgoing expense to India from the United States or Canada.**

**3. The support of an Indian evangelist is from $100 to $120 a year.**

**4. The support of a Bible woman is from $80 to $100 a year.**

**5. The support of an orphan boy or girl is $30 a year.**

**Contributions may be sent to our Treasurer,**

**MR. DAVID MAC NAUGHTAN**

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Subscriptions for "Darkness and Light," a magazine published bi-monthly in the interest of the work of this Mission, should be sent to the Treasurer of American Council at the above address. Cost of magazine is 50 cents yearly.

"We then as workers together with Him, beseech you that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." II Cor. VI-1.